



PATENT

Docket No. 1232-4623

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : KOIDE  
Serial No. : 09/542,551 Art Unit : 2626  
Filed : April 3, 2000 Examiner : N. Worku  
For : IMAGE-SENSING METHOD AND APPARATUS,  
CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR,  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop - RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Kindly enter this Preliminary Amendment, which is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) as a submission under 37 CFR § 1.114.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to continued examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 9 of this paper.